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SUBJECT.

Recommendation of the Prison Reforms Committee Re: Condemned Prisoners.

Order No P 5250-52 of 19.5.42

To

D.G. of Prisons

Supdt. Central Jail B'lore

" Mysore Jail, Mysore

Accepts the recommendation of the Committee and directs the Substitution of a rule for rule 701 of the Jail Manual, Vol. I.

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Rule 701 of our jail Manual provid that a condemned prisoner may be visited by his friends, relatives and legal advisers and by a minister of the persuasion to which he belong on an order in writing from the Superinten

This rule is identical with rule 800 of the old Madras rules.

The Prison Reforms Committee ~~Recommended~~ observe in respect of this rule that they endorse the recommendation of the Indian jail Committee that, "during the period which intervenes between a condemned prisone being sentenced to death and his execution, whatever is possible should be done to alleviate his position; thus any prisoner who can read should be provided with a supp of such books as he may wish for; prisoner who smoke should be given tobacco; all possible indulgences should be allowed in the matters of interviews and relatives, friends a legal advisers; he should be visited by the jai religious teachers or others approved religious ministers. They state that rule 701 of our rul requires to be amended to give full effect to the recommendations which has already been adopted in British India. (Paras 85 of Chapt III of the Report)

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Rule 800 of the Madras Manual reads as follows —

"Condemned prisoners who can read shall be provided with at request with a supply of such books as are in the jail Library. Subject to the control of the Supdt, they shall also be allowed to purchase at their own cost, or obtain from their relatives or friends any other books which they may in deserving cases wish for, provided the Superintendent purchase books for the prisoners at Govt the expense of the Govt. Condemned prisoners, on request, shall be given tobacco in the form of cigars, cigarettes or beedies for smoking, in the form of leaves for chewing and in the form of snuff for snuffing, provided the Medical officers of the jail finds no objection to their supply from the point of view of health. All reasonable indulgences shall be allowed in the matter of interviews with relatives friends and legal advisers. It shall be the duty of the religious teachers of the persuasion attached to the jail to visit the condemned prisoners daily, and if the express a desire to see any other approved religious

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minister, endeavours shall be made to comply with this request"

The S. G. of ~~Bob~~ Prisons suggests that the Madras rules quoted above which allows certain concessions to condemned prisoners regarding books, interviews etc may be adopted with an additional provision permitting these prisoners to purchase at their own cost or obtain from friends or relatives, extra food subject to proper medical inspection.

The S. G. P's recommendation may perhaps be approved.

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The Madras Rule may be adopted

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2) the Supdt, Central Gaol, Bellary
3) the Supdt, Mysore Gaol, Mysore

Accepts the recommendation of the P.R.C contained in Para 85 of Chapter III of the report of the Prison Reforms Committee ~~states~~ orders that it may be substituted for rule 701 of the Jail Manual, Volume I.

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R e a d :-

The recommendation contained in para 85 of Chapter III of the report of the Prisons Reforms Committee.

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The Prisons Reforms Committee recommend that everything possible to alleviate the position of a prisoner sentenced to death, between the dates of passing the sentence and the execution, should be done and suggested certain amenities and indulgences. The views of the Inspector General of Prisons were obtained in the matter.

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To The Dy of Prisons
Nr Dhn Supdt, Central Jail, Bangalore
" Cpg. Supdt, Mysore Jail, Mysore.

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THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

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To

The Inspector General of Prisons.

The Superintendent, Central Jail, Bangalore.

The Superintendent, Mysore Jail, Mysore.